

**KANEGASAKI SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12, 2010
4 PM SENIOR CENTER ALICE DOWD LOUNGE**

Members Present: Amy Springer (Chair), Florence Boynton (Treasurer), Jule Dupre, Byron Koh (Secretary), Aaron Kropf, Kathy Masalski, Nancy Pagano, Yuko Takahashi

Others: Aaron Hayden (Select Board Liaison), Tim Nelson (Amherst Fire Chief)

Secretary's Report: Accepted

Treasurer's Report: Florence reported a \$1519.13 balance.

Discussion with Amherst Fire Chief Tim Nelson (Amy's Summary)

Fire Chief Nelson came to talk with the committee about the possibility of an exchange between fire departments of Amherst and Kanegasaki. Although he did not have a specific idea of the terms of such exchange, he was aware that the Japanese have a very advanced approach fire prevention and thought it would be helpful to have some of his staff learn from such an exchange.

Some discussion ensued about sources for funding such an exchange, and some comparisons with the exchange of Leisure Services Staff that the committee facilitated in 1997. Aaron K. asked about sources of professional development funds. Chief Nelson indicated that such funds available within the department would not be enough to cover this scale of trip, but he thought he could ask around about outside sources of funds. Aaron K. also wondered if fire equipment supply companies might be able to sponsor some part of an exchange, and Chief Nelson agreed to look into it. Amy said she would be willing to look into possible sources of grants to fund such an exchange. It was also suggested that a fundraiser might be organized that might serve the dual purpose of raising money as well as raising public awareness about the Sister City relationship and the value of such exchanges.

Nancy P commented that it would be important very early on to contact Miyuki and find out if Kanegasaki would be interested in talking about such an exchange and it was agreed that she should do this. Nancy also said she would contact Linda Chalfant and Barry DelCastillo who were involved in the previous Leisure Services exchange. Amy said she would follow up with Tim before the next KSCC meeting.

Update on Chibi club and College student assistants

Jule reported that Diane and Kara of Chibi feel more positive about traveling to Japan after working with Amherst College students; they are interested in an October trip. Jule complimented Yuko's students for their interaction with the Kanegasaki students.

Update on "friends" mailing list

Aaron Hayden reported not much of a response for "friends" addresses. Amy asked for more names.

Ideas for archive categories

Kathy Masalski discussed the KSCC archives and the Jones Library. The next step is for Amy Springer to sign a document that cedes the KSCC archives to the Jones Library.

Aaron Kropf was concerned about how such archives could be borrowed back and also if a gift policy should be established. He will forward more concerns to Kathy.

Nancy suggested that perhaps acid free paper should be used for the Minutes that will go into the archives.

Next meeting: September 22, 2010 at 4 PM.

Adjournment: 5:15 PM

Respectfully submitted: Byron Koh, Secretary.